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By email to: foia-pa.fct@navy.mil

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I'm writing to request copies of records concerning or relating to the April 14 fire aboard the cruiser Hue City during its TRANSLANT en route a Sixth Fleet deployment. My request would include, but not be limited to, the command investigation of the collision. In addition, I request any photos, videos and event reconstructions the command investigators may have prepared.

As soon as this report is releasable, I request expedited processing as I am a journalist who is primarily engaged in disseminating information and my request concerns a matter of compelling need on a breaking story of interest to the general public – the safety of a ship operated in the public trust.

This information is being sought on behalf of Navy Times for dissemination to the general public. I am gathering this information because of public interest regarding the safe operation of naval vessels.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. My preference is to receive corresponding records in an electronic format via email to dlarter@navytimes.com.

As members of the news media and publishers of the primary news publication serving the men and women of the U.S. military, we at Gannett Government Media Corp. consider this information to have significant public interest and therefore request that you waive the processing fees. If not waived, I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me prior to incurring the expense.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within (10) business days, as the statute requires for expedited requests.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material, as required.

Please contact me by email [dlarter@navytimes.com](mailto:dlarter@navytimes.com) or telephone (703) 750-8645 if I can clarify or expedite this request. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,

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